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In re application of: Navin N. Thakkar

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Femoral Fracture

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

(Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this request for continued examination (RCE) in response to Advisory action mailed on April 21, 2010. Applicant has previously submitted response to final office action including amendment of claims and arguments and remarks in paper submitted on April 16, 2010, which is fully responsive to Final Office Action mailed on February, 17, 2010. In view of above request, Applicant respectfully request entry of paper submitted on April 16, 2010 in response to final office action. Applicant believes

entry of previously submitted paper necessary to bring prosecution to speedy conclusion and to deal justly by Applicant and the public. Applicant believes that amended claims define his invention in a manner that will give him patent protection to which he is justly entitled. This amendment does not introduce any new matter. Applicant believes that after final office action previously submitted on April 16, 2010 response with amendments will satisfy submission requirement

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of outstanding rejections and requests for allowance of claims pending in his Application for patent.

Summary of Interview with examiner

Applicant thanks examiner for interview. Applicant contacted examiner on 10, May, 2010 on Telephone and discussed amendments filled on 16, April, 2010 after final office action. Prior art discussed was Marino US 4,733,654. Examiner indicated that amendments overcome the rejection of 102 made in view of Marino, but amendment raises a new issue and requires further search and /reconsideration of prior art and no claims are allowable at this stage. Applicant asked further for time limit for RCE for this application, examiner responded query gracefully. Applicant thanks examiner for guiding pro se inventor.

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